THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN) : (a) Roads referred to form part of the road net work of about 1280 kms. (single lane equivalent) in New Delhi maintained by the New Delhi Municipal Committee. According to the traffic and transportation study got conducted for widening/improvement of roads and intersections by the New Delhi Municipal Committee there is scope for widening of these roads.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Decision on widening of various roads would be taken up by the New Delhi Municipal Committee subject to availability of funds and the consideration that large number of fully grown trees are not affected.

Broadcasting/telecasting programmes on national leaders

292. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for telecasting and broadcasting of programmes on the birth/death anniversary of the national leaders like (1) Mr. C.R Das, (2) Hakim Ajmal Khan, (3) Maulana Mohd. Ali, (4) Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, (5) Pt. Moti Lal Nehru, (6) Maulana Huspin Ahmad Madni, (7) Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, (8) Mr. Rafi Ahmad Kidwai, (9) Dr. M.A. Ansari, (10) Mr. Sarat Chand Bose, (11) Raja Mahendra Pratap, (12) Baba Kharak Singh, (13) Mr. Vithal Bhai Patel, (14) Dr. B.C. Roy, (15) Mr. Sri Krishna Sinha, (16) Mr. T. Prakasam ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA) (a) and (b) Both All India Radio and Doordarshan mount suitable programmes on the death/birth anniversary of national leaders depending upon the importance of the event. Telecasting/Broadcasting of the programmes on national leaders will be done, if not already done.

Release of kidnappers of Dr. Rubiya Sayeed

293. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that five pro-Pakistani militants, who have been released in Srinagar recently for obtaining release of his kindapped daughter Dr. Rubiya Sayeed, were arrested on charges of sedition;

(b) if so, whether they were under the custody of authorities under State Government of Jammu & Kashmir or the Government of India ; and

(c) what are the details of the authority which ordered their release in exchange of his kidnapped daughter?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED) : (a) Details as per statement enclosed (*See* below)

(b) they were under the custody of State Government.

(c) The release was ordered by the State Government.